

On motion of Mr. Erath, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on a bill for the protection of the frontier. After spending some time in the discussion of the bill, the committee arose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the Senate adjourned until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, November 25th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of Wednesday was read and adopted.

Mr. Townes presented the petitions of James Lewis, and John Laramore for land. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Paschal presented the petition of Joseph C Perez, which was referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts, also the petition of sundry citizens of Bexar county, which was referred to the joint committee on the Court of Claims.

Mr. Rainey presented the petition of Stewart A. Miller. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sims presented the petition of Wm. B. Featherston and R. J. Battle regarding the Sabbath day. Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of F. H. Dixon for land. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Potter chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill to amend the 6th and 7th sections of an act regulating sequestrations, approved March, 15th 1848 ; a bill to regulate the licence and practice of Attorneys and Counsellors at Law ; and a bill to repeal the 6th section of an act concerning the proceedings of the Supreme Court, approved February 11th, 1850, ask leave to report the same and recommend their passage.

Mr. Fall chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants of the city of Galveston, to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge, from the island of Galveston to the main land, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill to require certain surveys in Young land district, to be recorded in the surveyor's office. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hart introduced a bill to provide for obtaining duplicate land certificates, where they are partly owned by different persons. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Court of Claims.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue patents to Samuel Arbuckle and Hudson Westbrooks, on surveys No. 239 and 238. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the joint committee on the Court of Claims.

Mr. Walker introduced the following bills: a bill to define the 16th judicial district and to define the time of holding courts therein; a bill to create and organize the 20th judicial district, and to define the times of holding courts therein, which were read 1st and 2nd times and severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that the House had refused to adopt the Senate's resolution to appoint a joint committee for the purpose of making two or more districts out of the present 16th judicial district; and had passed a bill originating in the Senate, appropriating ten thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to enable the Governor to offer rewards for fugitives from justice, and the following bills originating in the House. A bill for the relief of George W. Goodwin, a bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph W. Bass, a bill for the relief of the heirs of A. D. Duncan, a bill for the relief of Joseph Thompson, and a bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to amend the 1st section of an act entitled an act to amend the 2nd and 7th sections of an act entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, approved 12th May, 1846, approved November 30th, 1850, approved August 28th, 1856.

Mr. Wallace offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the 610th section of the Penal Code. Adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to authorize and require the clerk of the District court of Cherokee county to apportion the causes on the docket of said court. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to release Benjamin A. Campbell from the disabilities of minority. Read 2nd time.

Mr. Stockdale moved to amend by inserting the name of James Ingram Nuner, of Victoria county. Adopted.

Mr. Guinn moved to amend by adding the following proviso: "provided they shall not be entitled to vote until they arrive at the age of twenty-one years." Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of Lewis David. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of John Ricord. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the rule was suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill amendatory of, and supplemental to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Sabine and Galveston Bay, Railroad and Lumber Company. Read 2nd time and on motion of Mr. Stockdale, made the special order for Monday the 28th inst.

Report of the committee on Private Land Claims, on the petition of David Ward, recommending its reference to the joint committee on the Court of Claims, was read and adopted.

A bill for the relief of James Herendon. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of Wiley Burns, the heirs of Robert M. McKinney, the heirs of Carmel Ramon, and the heirs of David Barlow. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

Report of the committee on Private Land Claims, on the petition of John Berry recommending its rejection, was read and adopted.

Report of the committee on the Judiciary, presenting a bill to create the 20th judicial district, &c., as a substitute for two bills on that subject referred to them was read, and on motion of Mr. Guinn, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the committee on Private Land Claims, on the petition of Lindsey Man, recommending its rejection, was read and adopted.

A bill to revive and continue in force and supplemental to and amendatory of an act to incorporate the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company, approved September 5th, 1850, and the several acts supplementary and amendatory concerning said railroad, approved November 14th, 1857. Read 2nd time.

Mr. Stockdale offered the following amendments:

Add to the first section "and to the benefits of any general law for the encouragement of railroads and regulating the same."

In section 2, line 16, strike out "the entire" and insert "such portion of said."

In section 2, line 19, at the end of said line insert "and shall be owned, used and regulated by said San Antonio and Mexican

Gulf Railroad Company, in accordance to the provisions of the charter of said company." Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, the rule was suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Erath, Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Harman, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Parsons, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Rains, Rainey, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Sims, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker, Wallace, Whaley and Wigfall—32.

NAYS—none.

Mr. Hyde, chairman of the committee on Private Land, Claims, reported from the committee, a bill for the relief of Joseph Turner, which was read 1st time.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of John Fisher for land. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Britton introduced a bill providing for a preliminary survey for a canal from Corpus Christe bay to Rio Grande river. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the resolution instructing the committee on Printing, to have 200 copies of the report on the Deaf and Dumb Asylum printed, was taken from the table.

Mr. Shepard moved to strike out "200" and insert "600."

Mr. Potter called for a division of the question.

The question on striking out "200" having been put and carried, the blank was filled with "600" by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Chambers, Duggan, Fall, Gentry, Herbert, Lott, Parsons, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Rainey, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Wallace, Whaley and Wigfall—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Dickinson, Erath, Grimes, Guinn, Harman, Hart, Hyde, Martin, Rains, Sims and Walker—11.

Mr. Herbert moved to include the reports of the Blind and Lunatic Asylums. Carried.

Mr. Britton moved the previous question, which was ordered.

The main question being put was carried, so the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Duggan offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That 200 copies of each of the reports of the Deaf and Dumb, the Blind and the Lunatic Asylums, be printed in the German language, said copies included in the 600 embraced in the resolution just acted on. Adopted.

A bill for the relief of Joseph Thompson. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of A. D. Duncan. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph W. Bass. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill for the relief of George W. Goodwin. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to amend the 1st section of an act entitled an act to amend the 2nd and 7th sections of an act entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court, approved May 12th, 1846, approved November 30th, 1850, approved August 28th, 1856. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Sims, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

SATURDAY, November 26th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Scarborough presented the petition of A. B. Bacon for relief. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Townes presented the petition of James McGee & Co. Referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Duggan presented the petition of Rebecca Carson, William Carson and Tewpence Wilcox. Referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of the Rev. John M. Odin, Bishop of Galveston. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of Stephen Kelly for land. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Schleicher presented the petition of E. Voght. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of a number of citizens of Panola county, praying an extension of time heretofore allotted for holding the District court in Panola county, have had the same under consideration, and have agreed upon the accompanying bill, entitled an act to change the time of holding the District courts in the 6th Judicial